

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

February 13, 2019

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CHIEF CHAT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published [Postlicensure Safety Surveillance of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine \(Shingrix\)—United States, October 2017–June 2018](#) in the February 1st issue of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, pages 91-94. A summary for the media is reprinted below.

Healthcare providers and patients can be reassured by early results from a post-licensure safety study of the Shingrix recombinant zoster vaccine (RZV). Serious adverse events were rare, and no unexpected patterns were detected. This is the first report covering post-licensure safety monitoring of the recombinant zoster vaccine (RZV; Shingrix, GSK) in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) during the initial eight months of use in the United States. From October 2017–June 2018, VAERS received 4,381 adverse event reports related to Shingrix; 4,251 (97%) were classified as non-serious. During that timeframe, about 3.2 million doses of Shingrix were distributed in the United States. The most common signs and symptoms reported were fever, injection site pain, and redness. These findings are consistent with pre-licensure clinical trial data, and no unexpected patterns were

detected. Clinicians should counsel patients to expect common reactions such as pain, swelling, and redness at the injection site, along with possible body aches, fever, and chills. These reactions usually resolve on their own in two to three days.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) would like to invite all immunizers to join its Community of Immunizers Listserv. The Community of Immunizers Listserv is currently comprised of approximately 180 immunizers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants, and other office staff. It allows users to communicate with fellow immunizers, ask questions, and share ideas, resources, and successes! Email immunize@aap.org, and include IZCOMMUNITY and your role as an immunization advocate to request to be added to the Community of Immunizers Listserv.

AAP also provides information and many resources through its [AAP Immunization Initiatives Newsletter](#), including updates, events, research, and other resources for healthcare professionals. To subscribe, send an email to immunize@aap.org, with the word "newsletter" in the "subject" field.



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National Infant Immunization Week - Start Planning Now This Weekend!

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is just around the corner. From April 27-May 4, 2019, communities across the United States will highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities. Since 1994, NIIW has been a way to focus attention on the benefits of maintaining high immunization rates in the community, state, and nation.

Healthcare professionals like you are an important reason why we can celebrate high infant immunization rates in this country. According to a national poll conducted by the CDC in 2014, a doctor's recommendation was the #1 reason that parents made sure their child got all of the recommended vaccines.

NIIW is a great opportunity for the entire practice—including physicians, nurses, and receptionists—to show parents that your practice strongly supports vaccination according to the CDC's recommended immunization schedule. It's also a good chance to let parents know that on-time vaccination is the norm, despite what they might hear in the media.

According to CDC's national poll, most parents (86%) said that their youngest child received all of the recommended vaccines at the time they were recommended. This is important information for the parents who may think delaying or refusing vaccines is common practice.

Here are some ideas for ways that your practice can celebrate NIIW this year:

"Launch" NIIW by bringing in breakfast or lunch for your staff. Bring copies of CDC's "[Talking with Parents about Vaccines for Infants](#)[4 pages]." Use this opportunity to discuss ways that your entire practice can promote NIIW to parents. Decorate your waiting room with balloons, streamers, [CDC posters](#), an [NIIW banner](#), and [coloring sheets](#).

Promote NIIW on Facebook or Twitter. CDC has [sample tweets and Facebook posts](#) you can use during NIIW and throughout the year.

[Run an article](#) in your practice's newsletter or on your website.

Play [CDC videos](#) in your waiting room or link to them on your website:

Print fact sheets on [vaccine safety](#) and [vaccine-preventable diseases](#) and display them in your waiting room or exam rooms:

- Encourage your nurses and receptionists to review any resources that you have displayed.
- Take out an ad in your local newspaper reminding parents to ensure that their children's vaccines are up to date.

By making NIIW an event for your entire practice, you can raise awareness about the importance of immunization for protecting children in your community and be a strong voice in support of CDC's recommended immunization schedule.



INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Some parents and/or guardians may need reassurance that after their child receives immunizations, and even though their child may experience discomfort, fussiness, fever, and site tenderness, these are to be expected. We as health care professionals know this information and know to expect these side effects, but new parents or guardians may not know what to expect. Educating all patients, parents and/or guardians, about what to expect after receiving a vaccine is a best practice that should be provided to all patients.

The Immunization Action Coalition has updated their resource [After the Shots... What to do if your child has discomfort](#). This hand out is easy for parents to read and offers additional information, including comfort measures parents and/or guardians can offer to their children.

The Immunization Action Coalition has many resources on their website that can be offered to parents and/or guardians to answer a multitude of other questions they might have. You can find these additional resources on their website at: <http://www.immunize.org/handouts/discussing-vaccines-parents.asp>.

The final thought of the day comes from the After the Shots handout, "Vaccinations may hurt a little... but diseases can hurt a lot."

AAP Approves 2019 Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule

The 2019 immunization schedule for children and adolescents was approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), putting the AAP in sync with ACIP and CDC. AAP has included the CDC recommendations for use of inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) among children 24 months and older. This is good news and should eliminate any confusion from providers about the use of LAIV.

<https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/ss/news.aspx>

Influenza Surveillance February 5, 2019

The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending February 2nd, ILINet sites reported 3.6% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 4.8% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. KHEL has detected A/H1 in 20 specimens, A/H3 in six specimens, and influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens. Ten influenza outbreaks have been reported to KDHE this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.



Vax Facts

February 2019

Kansas Immunization Program— Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS)

Vaccine Hesitancy - How to Talk to Parents so They Will Listen, and Listen so Parents Will Talk



**Thursday,
February 21, 2019
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

Presented by Barbara Pahud, MD, MPH

Dr. Barbara Pahud is a pediatric infectious disease specialist in Leawood, Kansas and is affiliated with Children's Mercy Kansas City. She received her medical degree from Universidad La Salle School of Medicine.

Dr. Pahud is familiar to many of our providers as a very powerful and engaging speaker with a great passion for vaccination of the children of Kansas and beyond. She has published many peer reviewed articles and completed significant research associated with vaccines and methods to improve vaccination rates. She is a frequently sought after lecturer on many vaccine topics, including how to talk with vaccine hesitant parents and how to listen so they will talk.

Continuing education credit will be provided at no cost:

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